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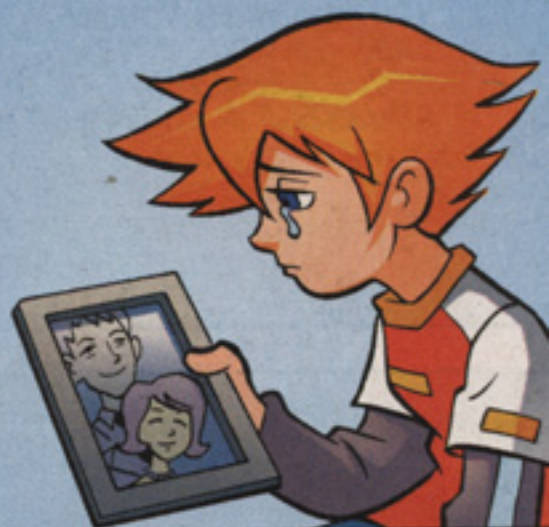
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SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

THERE ARE MANY KINDS
OF LONELINESS...

THERE'S THE KIND OF LONELINESS A
YOUNG BOY LIKE **CHRISTOPHER
THORNDYKE** FEELS WHEN HIS PARENTS
ARE AWAY AT WORK FOR DAYS, WEEKS,
EVEN MONTHS AT A TIME.

EVEN THOUGH HE HAS HIS GRANDFATHER CHUCK,
ELLA THE MAID, AND MR. TANAKA THE BUTLER TO
LOOK AFTER HIM AND HIS FRIENDS, SONIC, TAILS,
AMY, CREAM, AND CHEESE ARE ALMOST ALWAYS
AROUND, THE EXPANSIVE THORNDYKE MANSION
STILL FEELS EMPTY WITHOUT HIS PARENTS TO TUCK
HIM IN AT NIGHT.



EVEN THOUGH SHE APPRECIATES CHRIS'S
FRIENDSHIP AND IS GLAD TO HAVE SOME OF HER
FRIENDS FROM HOME AROUND HER, THERE'S THE KIND
OF LONELINESS A YOUNG RABBIT LIKE **CREAM** FEELS
BECAUSE SHE HAS BEEN TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER
WORLD AND MAY NEVER SEE HER MOTHER AGAIN.

IT'S HARD TO
BELIEVE **THIS** IS
THE **KING** OF
ANYTHING.

IT HAS TO TASTE
BETTER THAN
THE **BOX OF
DOMINOES** WE
HAD FOR LUNCH.

I'LL
NEVER GET
THE DOOR
AGAIN.

EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE GRATEFUL
TO HAVE A HUMAN FRIEND LIKE CHRIS
TO TEACH THEM THE WAYS OF
EARTH, THERE'S THE KIND OF
LONELINESS THAT **SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG**, **AMY ROSE THE
HEDGEHOG**, AND **TAILS THE FOX**
FEEL BEING AWAY FROM THEIR
WORLD AND NOT KNOWING IF THEY
WILL EVER FIND THEIR WAY BACK TO
THEIR **REAL HOME**.



I'LL MISS YOU
VERY MUCH IF
YOU GO WITH
THE OTHER
CHAO, CHEESE.

EVEN THOUGH HE LOVES CREAM, THERE'S
THE KIND OF LONELINESS THAT **CHEESE
THE CHAO** FEELS KNOWING THAT HE
TURNED DOWN THE CHANCE TO LIVE
AMONG OTHER CHAO IN ORDER TO STAY
ON EARTH WITH HIS FRIEND.



EVEN THOUGH THEY ALL FEEL A LITTLE
LONELINESS EVERY DAY, THERE IS
STILL HOPE THAT THEY WILL SEE
THEIR PARENTS, THEIR HOMES, AND
OTHERS LIKE THEMSELVES AGAIN.

BUT THERE IS A **SPECIAL LONELINESS** YOU FEEL WHEN YOU KNOW YOU ARE THE **LAST OF YOUR KIND** AND THAT YOU WILL **NEVER SEE ANYONE ELSE LIKE YOURSELF** IN YOUR LIFETIME.

THAT'S THE KIND OF LONELINESS THAT **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA** LIVES WITH EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY...



SINCE HIS ANCESTRAL HOME OF **ANGEL ISLAND** WAS TRANSPORTED FROM HIS HOME WORLD TO EARTH, KNUCKLES HAS RESIDED HERE.

AS THE LAST OF HIS PEOPLE, KNUCKLES INHERITED THE ROLE OF **PROTECTOR OF THE MASTER EMERALD**.

FOR GENERATIONS, KNUCKLES'S TRIBE GUARDED THE MASTER EMERALD AND THE **SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS** ON ANGEL ISLAND.

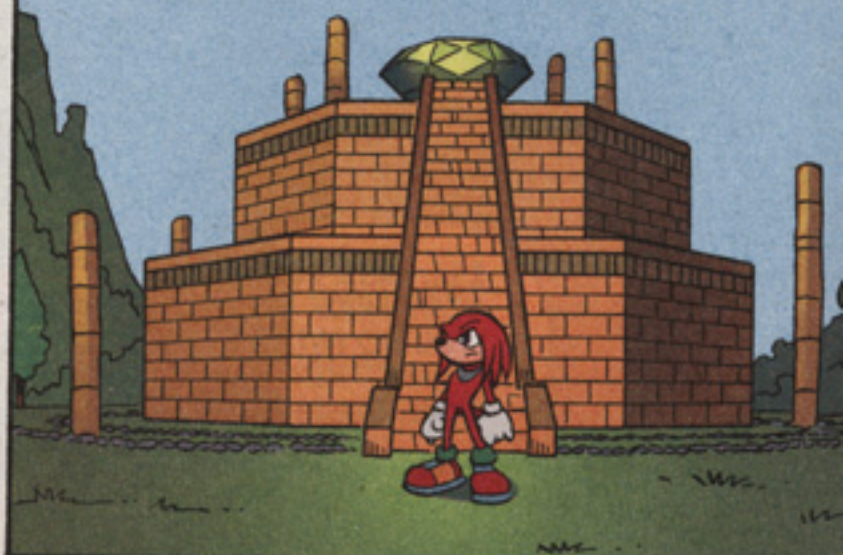
ONE DAY, A NEIGHBORING TRIBE ATTACKED ANGEL ISLAND. THE TRIBE DECIDED TO USE THE POWER OF THE EMERALDS AGAINST THE INVADERS.

BUT THE TRIBE WAS **DESTROYED BY THEIR OWN FEAR AND ANGER** WHEN THEY TRIED TO CONTROL THE EMERALDS.

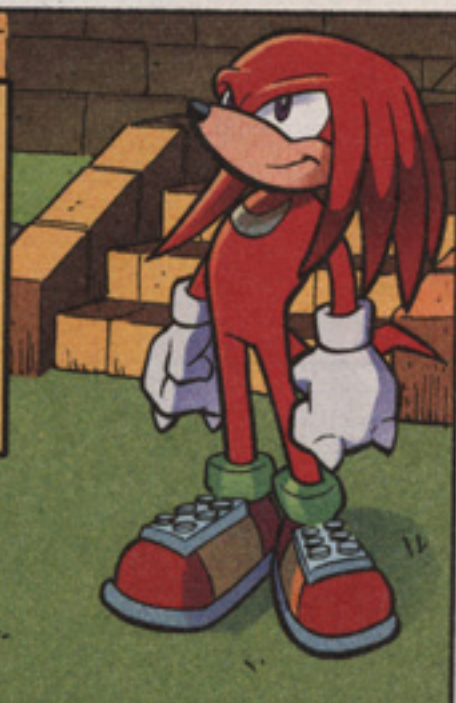


LIKE SONIC AND HIS OTHER FRIENDS, KNUCKLES WAS TRANSPORTED TO EARTH DURING A BATTLE BETWEEN SONIC AND DR. EGGMAN.

WITH THE ALL-POWERFUL MASTER EMERALD NOW ON EARTH WITH HIM, KNUCKLES HAS SWORN TO MAKE SURE **NO ONE ELSE EVER ABUSES ITS MASSIVE POWER**.



IT IS A LONELY JOB, BUT KNUCKLES KNOWS HE IS THE ONLY BEING ON HIS ADOPTED WORLD WHO IS CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT THIS IMPORTANT MISSION...



HUH?



...knuckles, you are needed...



TIKAL? I THOUGHT
YOU HAD RETURNED
TO YOUR TIME AND
PLACE WITH THE
CHAOS MONSTER
AND THE CHAO!



THE MASTER
EMERALD HAS
BROUGHT ME BACK
TO THIS PLACE
BECAUSE THERE IS
GREAT DANGER.



THERE IS A
**GREAT
BATTLE**
BEING WAGED
HERE.



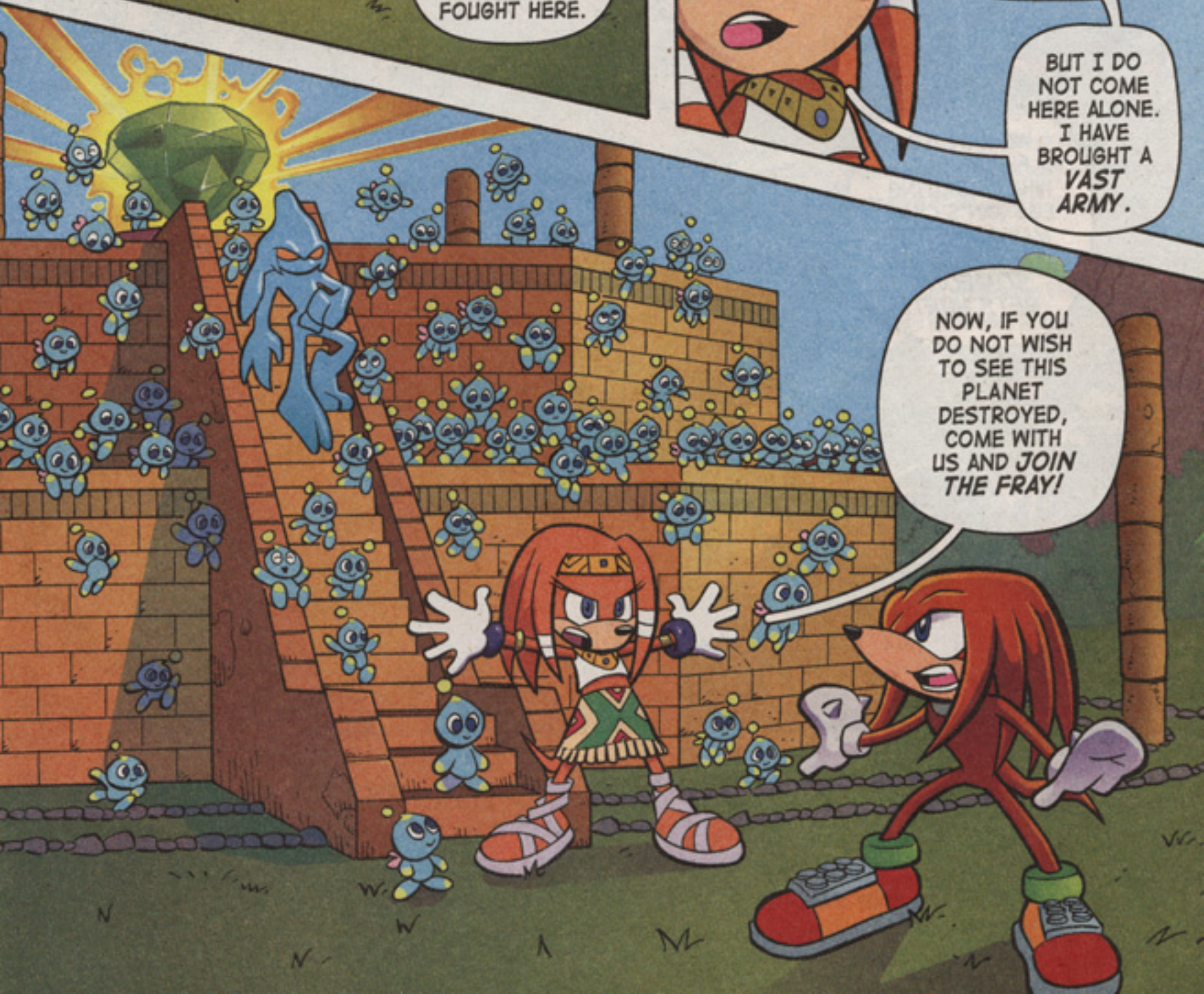
I'M THE ONLY
PERSON ON
ANGEL ISLAND.
THERE IS NO
BATTLE BEING
FOUGHT HERE.



NOT ON ANGEL
ISLAND, BUT ON
THIS PLANET IN
THIS TIME.

THE MASTER
EMERALD
TRANSPORTED ME
BACK FROM THE
PAST SO I MAY
HELP DEFEAT THE
**OVERWHELMING
CHAOS** THAT HAS
BEEN UNLEASHED.

BUT I DO
NOT COME
HERE ALONE.
I HAVE
BROUGHT A
**VAST
ARMY.**



NOW, IF YOU
DO NOT WISH
TO SEE THIS
PLANET
DESTROYED,
COME WITH
US AND **JOIN
THE FRAY!**

WE NOW JOIN THE BATTLE,
ALREADY IN PROGRESS...

IN HIS LATEST SCHEME TO CONQUER
THE EARTH, DR. EGGMAN SOLD HIS
SPECIALLY DEVELOPED CHAO TO
THE PEOPLE OF STATION SQUARE.
WHEN EVERYONE IN TOWN HAD A
CHAO AS A PET, EGGMAN SENT OUT
A RADIO SIGNAL THAT TRANSFORMED
THE CUTE, CUDDLY PETS INTO
CREATURES OF PURE MAYHEM.

THIS IS
SCARLET GARCIA
REPORTING LIVE
FROM DOWNTOWN
STATION SQUARE.

WE DON'T KNOW
WHAT HAPPENED, BUT
SUDDENLY EVERYBODY'S
**CHAO HAVE GONE
CRAZY AND ARE
ATTACKING PEOPLE
LEFT AND RIGHT!**

WE HAVE TO
FIGURE OUT
WHAT'S DRIVING
EGGMAN'S CHAO
MAD AND **STOP
IT BEFORE
SOMEONE
GETS HURT!**



I NEVER PROMISED YOU A CHAO GARDEN PART TWO

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WILL ANYBODY BE
ABLE TO SAVE
STATION SQUARE
FROM COMPLETE
DESTRUCTION?

WITH PET CHAO
THE CITY'S LATEST
FAD, THERE ARE
THOUSANDS OF
THE NOW-CRAZED
CREATURES
RUNNING
RAMPANT!

CHAO!

CHAO!

CHAO!

CHAO!

RING
ME,
TAILS!

CATCH,
SONIC!

THE POWER OF THE
RING **SUPERCHARGES**
SONIC, AND HE'S READY
FOR ACTION!

LET'S
GET
BUSY!

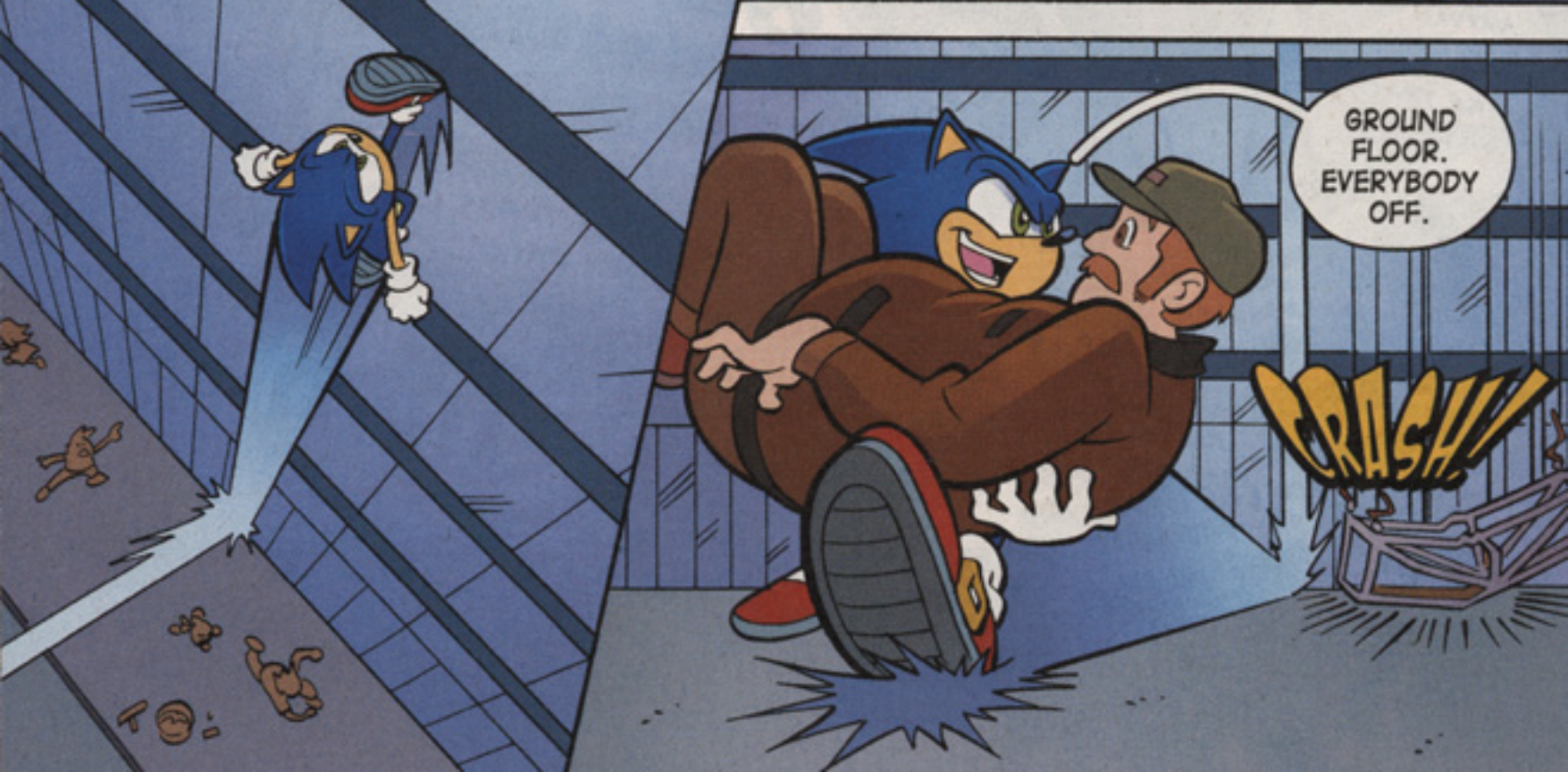
IT'S
HAMMERIN'
TIME!

WE DON'T KNOW
WHY THE CHAO ARE
ACTING THIS WAY! WE
CAN'T HURT THEM!

WE CAN'T LET
THEM HURT
ANYONE ELSE,
EITHER!

DO WHAT
YA GOTTA
DO!

CHAO!





MEANWHILE, **DR. EGGMAN**, THE EVIL GENIUS WHO SET ALL THIS MAYHEM INTO MOTION, WATCHES HIS HANDIWORK WITH **GLEE**.

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SO MUCH **GLEE**, DECOE?

NOT SINCE THE BOSS **STOLE THE LOLLIPOPS** FROM THE ORPHANAGE.

LOLLIPOPS? WHY HAVEN'T I HEARD ABOUT THIS BEFORE NOW?

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS FRIENDS ARE ON THE SCENE IN DOWNTOWN STATION SQUARE, BUT THINGS HERE ARE STILL IN A STATE OF **COMPLETE PANDEMONIUM**.

FOR EVERY CRAZY CHAO THEY CAPTURE, THERE ARE A DOZEN MORE RUNNING WILD.

**HEE HEE
HEE HEE HEE!**
MY PLAN IS GOING **PERFECTLY!**

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

THE **RADIO SIGNAL** I'M TRANSMITTING IS DRIVING ALL THE CHAO I CREATED FROM THE CLIPPING I TOOK FROM CHEESE **ABSOLUTELY WILD!**

NOW WE TAKE THE **NEXT STEP!**

FOLLOW ME, MY **TIN-PLATED MINIONS!**

WHAT'S A "MINION", BOCOE?

WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK IT UP IN THE **DICTIONARY** LATER, DECOE.

BEHOLD
MY LATEST
CREATION—

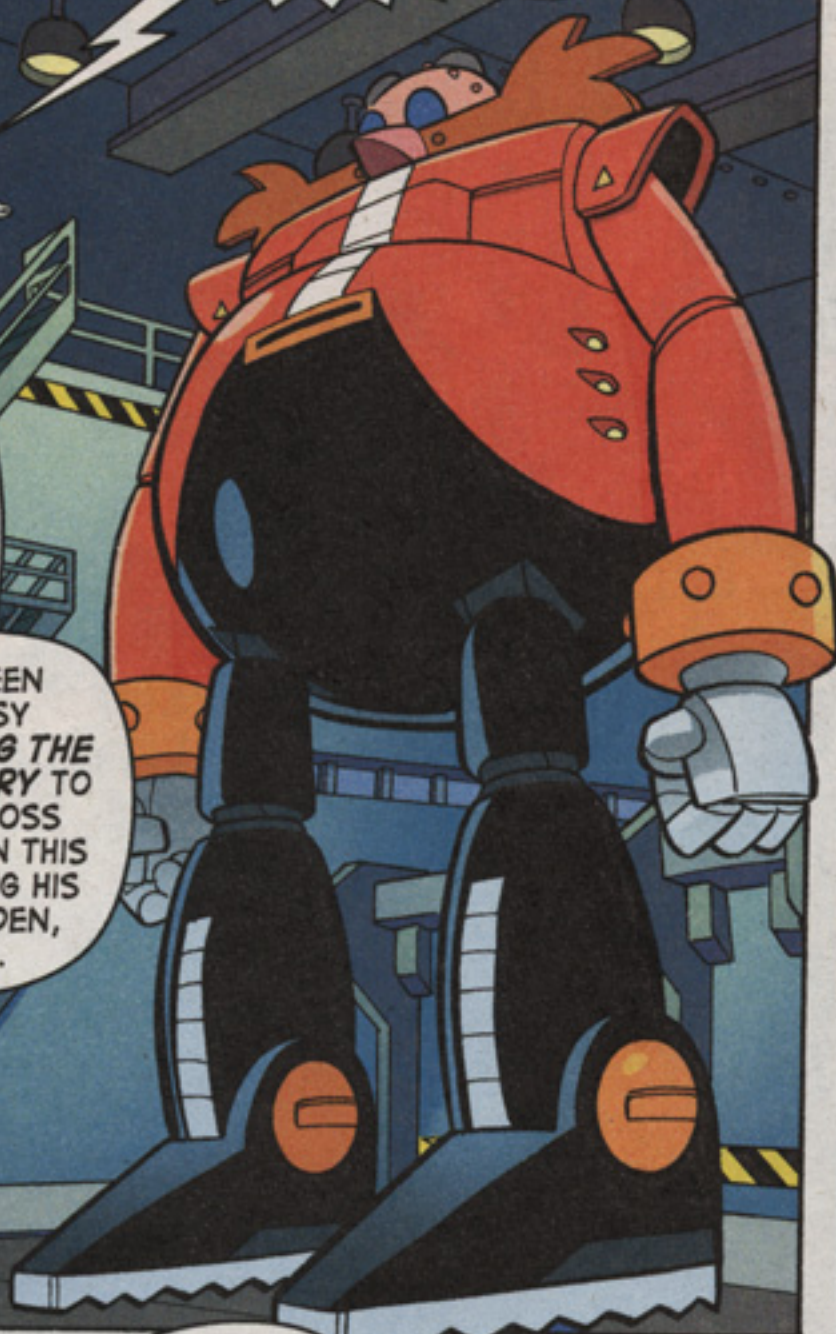
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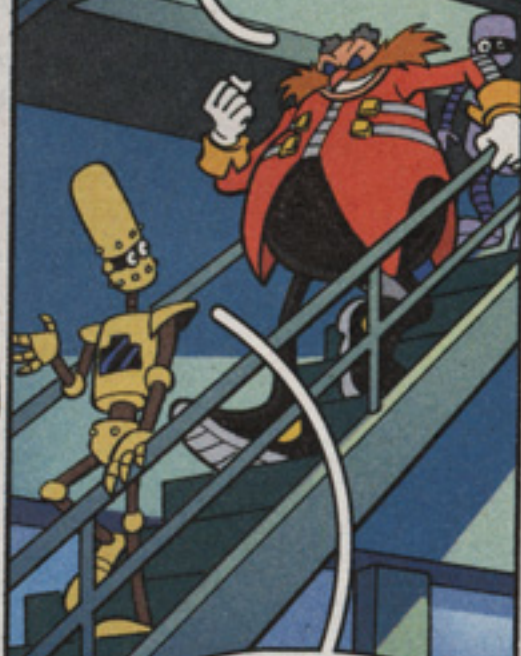
I WANT A
LOLLIPOP!

DECOE,
HOW DID
WE NOT
KNOW HE
WAS
BUILDING
THIS?

WE'VE BEEN
TOO BUSY
**REBUILDING THE
LABORATORY** TO
SEE THE BOSS
WORKING ON THIS
OR CREATING HIS
CHAO GARDEN,
BOCOE.



WITH
STATION SQUARE
OVERRUN WITH MY
MISCHIEVOUS CHAO, IT
WILL BE EASY TO
**STOMP THE CITY
INTO SUBMISSION**
AND BE CROWNED
EMPEROR!



WOULDN'T IT
BE EASIER JUST TO TELL
THE PEOPLE OF STATION
SQUARE YOU'LL **TURN
OFF THE TRANSMITTER**
AND STOP YOUR CHAO
FROM CAUSING TROUBLE
IF THEY MAKE YOU
EMPEROR?

MAYBE...
BUT IT WOULDN'T
BE NEARLY AS
MUCH **FUN!**

CAN I HAVE A
LOLLIPOP?
I **LOVE**
LOLLIPOPS!

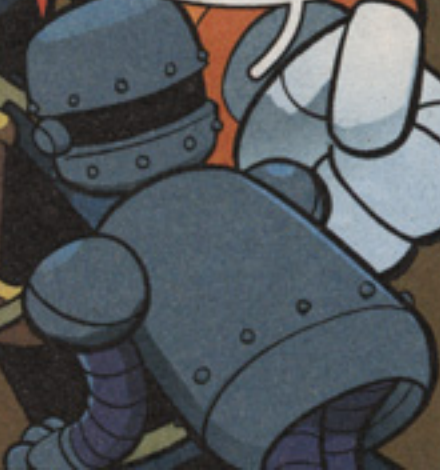
BE QUIET,
BOKKUN!

ALL ABOARD,
MY LACKLUSTER
LACKEYS!

WE HAVE
**SERIOUS
STOMPING**
TO DO!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

WHY DO I GET
THE FEELING
**WE'RE THE
ONES WHO ARE
GOING TO GET
STOMPED?**



I DON'T
THINK WE
CAN STOP
THEM ALL.

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
THEY'RE
SAYING?

PROBABLY
JUST THE USUAL—
RESISTANCE IS USELESS,
THEY'RE GOING TO SUCK
THE MARROW FROM OUR
BONES, AND OUR
MOTHERS WEAR ARMY
BOOTS.

CHOA!

CHOA!

CHOA!

CHOA!

CHOA!

CHOA!

CHOA!

CHOA! CHOA!
CHOA!

SPLIT
UP!

CHOA!

CHOA!

CHOA!

CHOA!

CRASH!

THAT WAS
MY FAVORITE
HARDWARE
STORE!

WHAT ARE
THEY DOING
NOW?

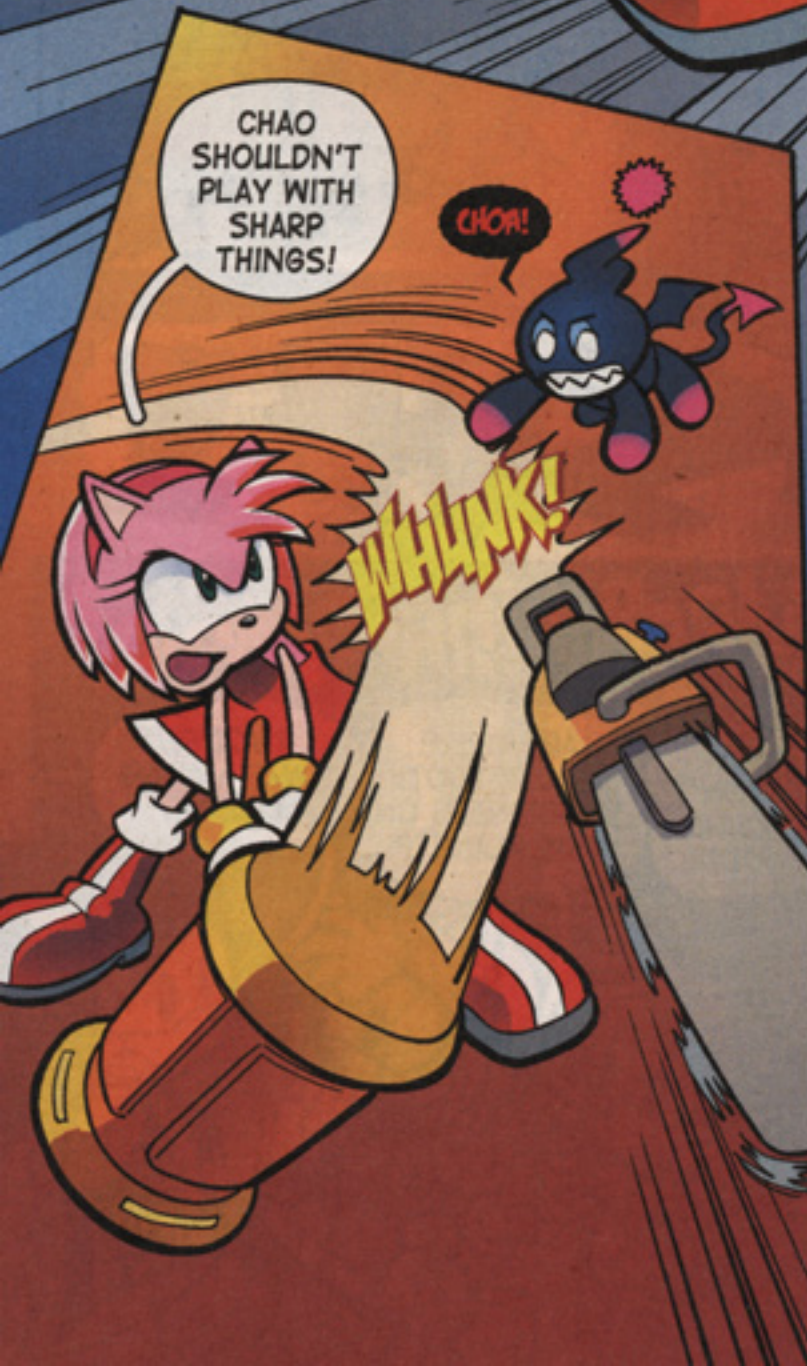
MAYBE THERE'S
A SALE ON
TOOTH
SHARPENERS.

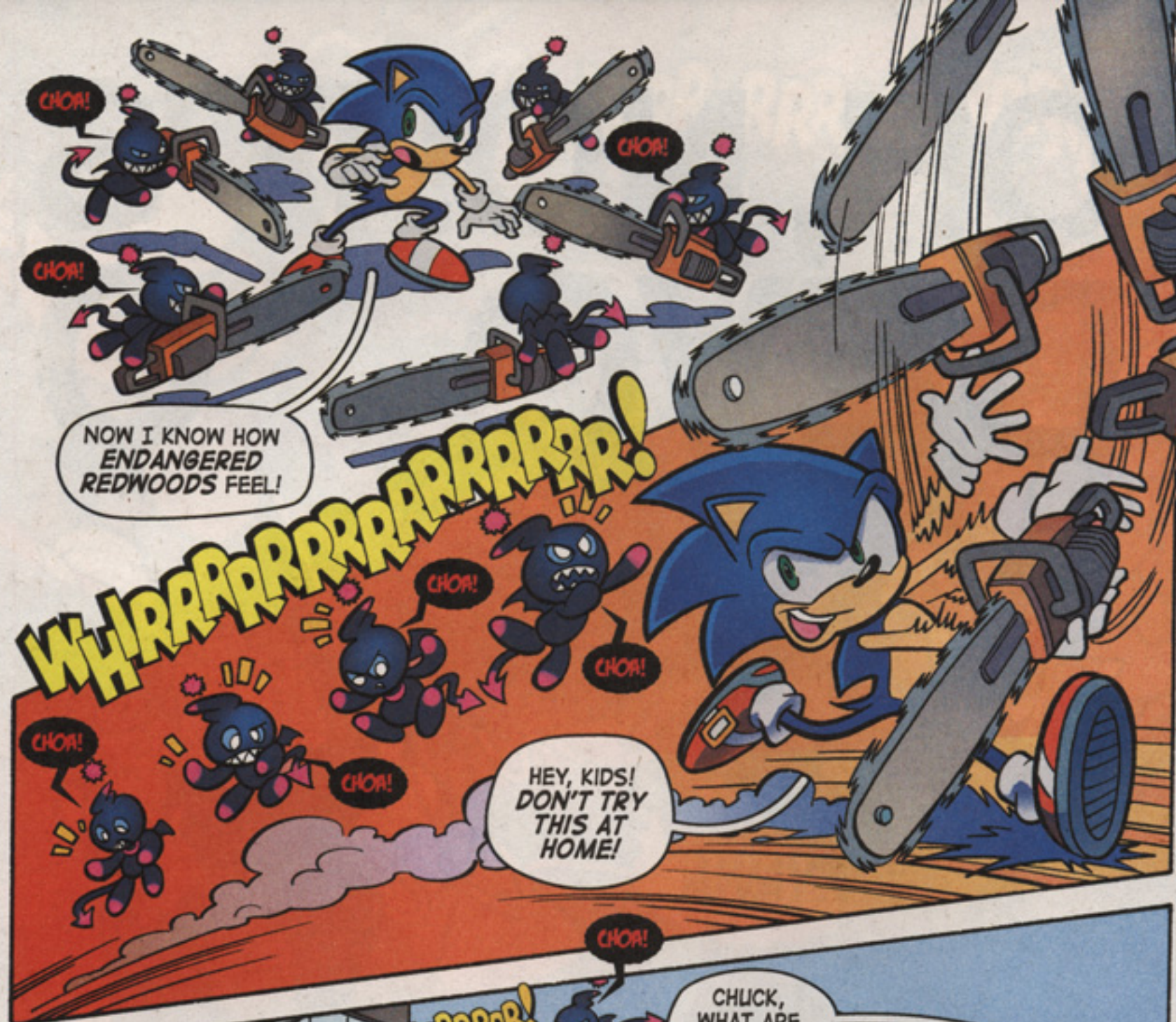
WHIRRRRRRRRRRRRR!

THAT
DOESN'T
SOUND
GOOD!

ARE THERE
REALLY TOOTH
SHARPENERS ON
THIS PLANET?

I THOUGHT
I WAS MAKING
A JOKE!







CHAO!

CHOA!

CHOA!

CHOA!

CHAO!

CHOA!

-HELP HAS ARRIVED!

CHAO!

OH MY!

CHAO!

CHOA!

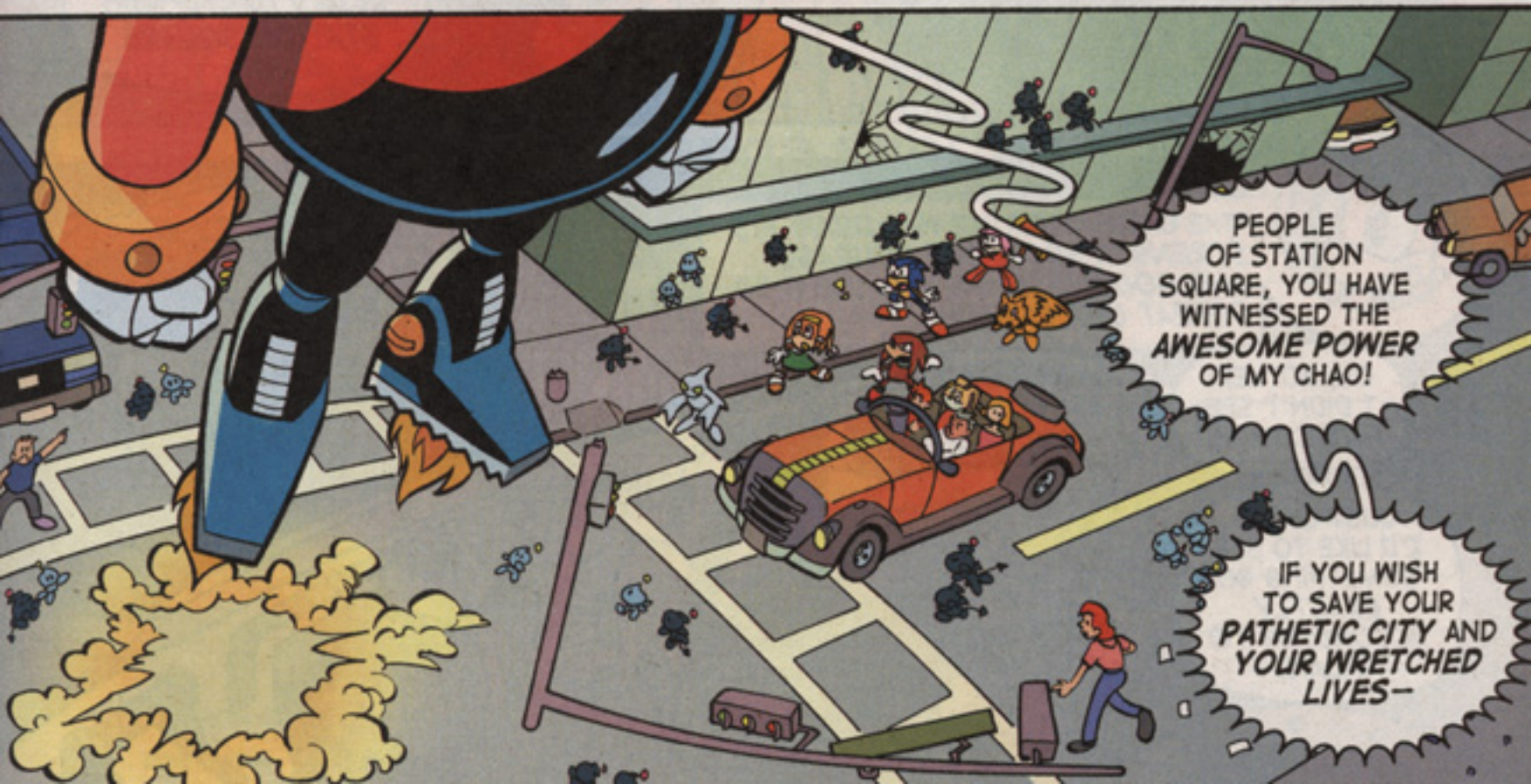
CHAO!

CHAO!

CHAO!

"REINFORCEMENTS HAVE ARRIVED IN THE FORM OF KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA AND AN ARMY OF CHAO..."

"ALSO HELPING IN THE BATTLE IS THE CHAOS CREATURE THAT ATTACKED STATION SQUARE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. SINCE HIS ENCOUNTER WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE CREATURE HAS CHANGED ITS WAYS AND IS HELPING TO SAVE THE CITY!"



—THEN YOU
WILL SURRENDER
IMMEDIATELY
AND NAME ME,
DR. EGGMAN, THE
UNDISPUTED
EMPEROR
OF EARTH!

TIKAL SENDS A TELEPATHIC
MESSAGE TO HER ARMY...

the time has come,
my chaos friends...

DO NOT
FEAR, SONIC.
WE ARE
PREPARED!

OH, GREAT!
THIS IS
JUST WHAT
WE NEED!

...to give your protector the
seven chaos emeralds...

CHAO!

CHAO!

CHAO!

CHAO!

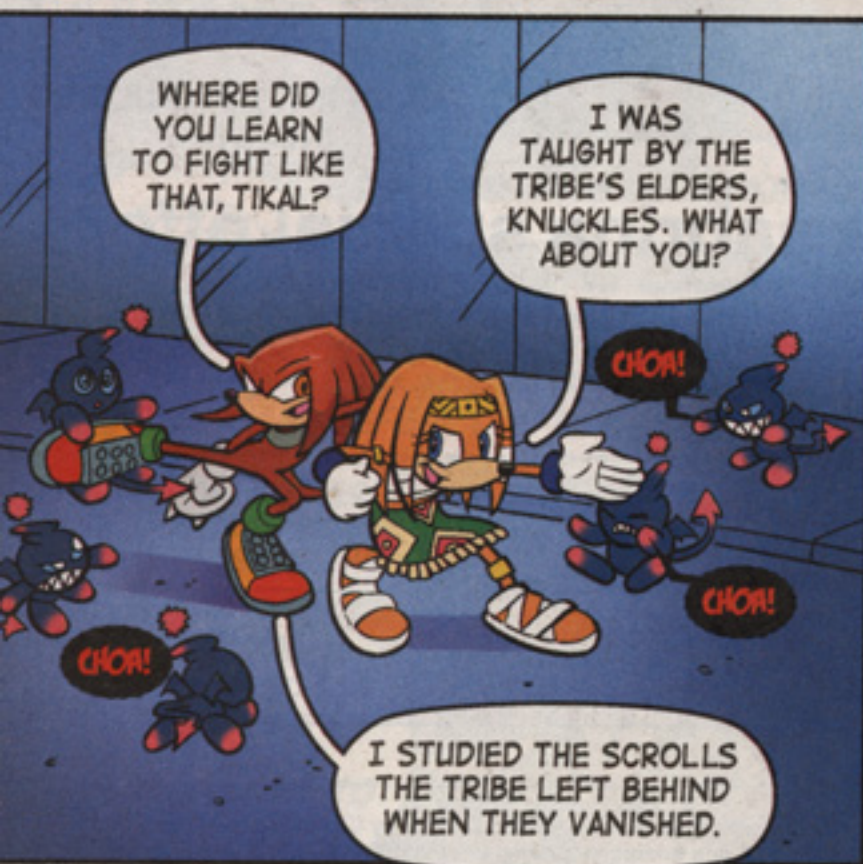
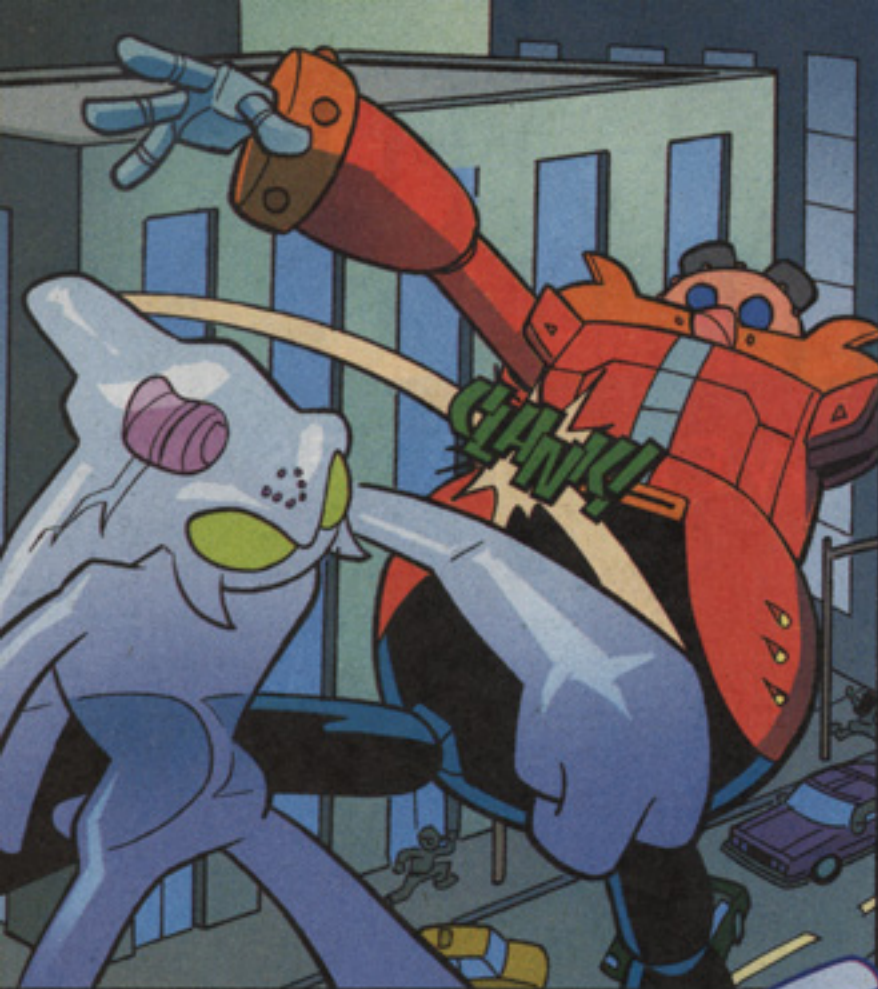
...so that he may
grow to full power!

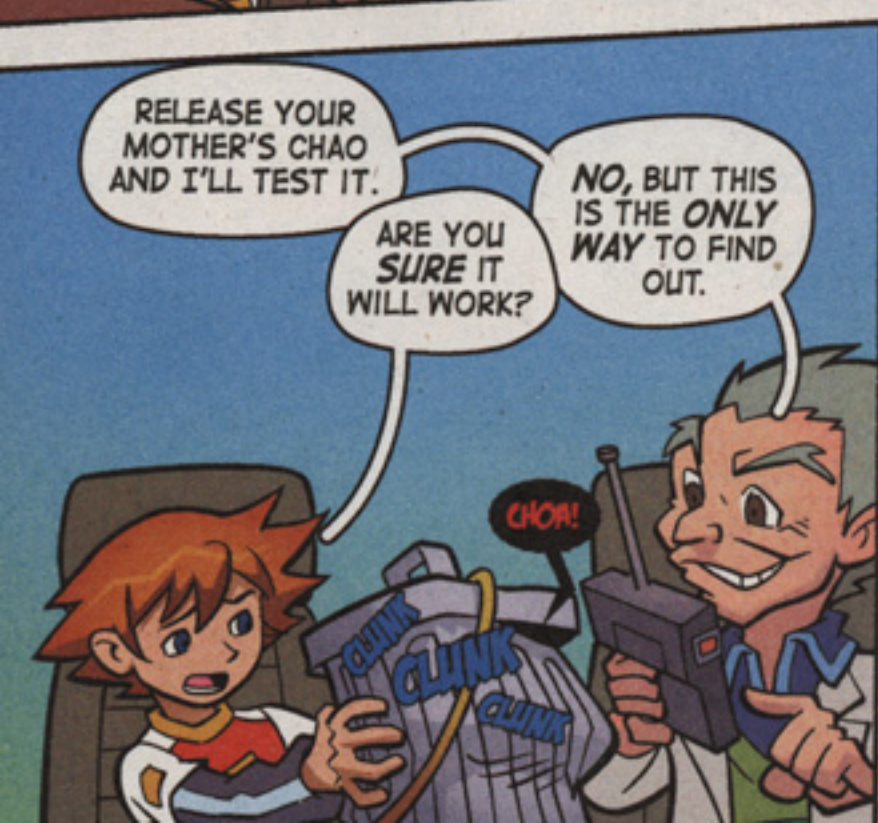
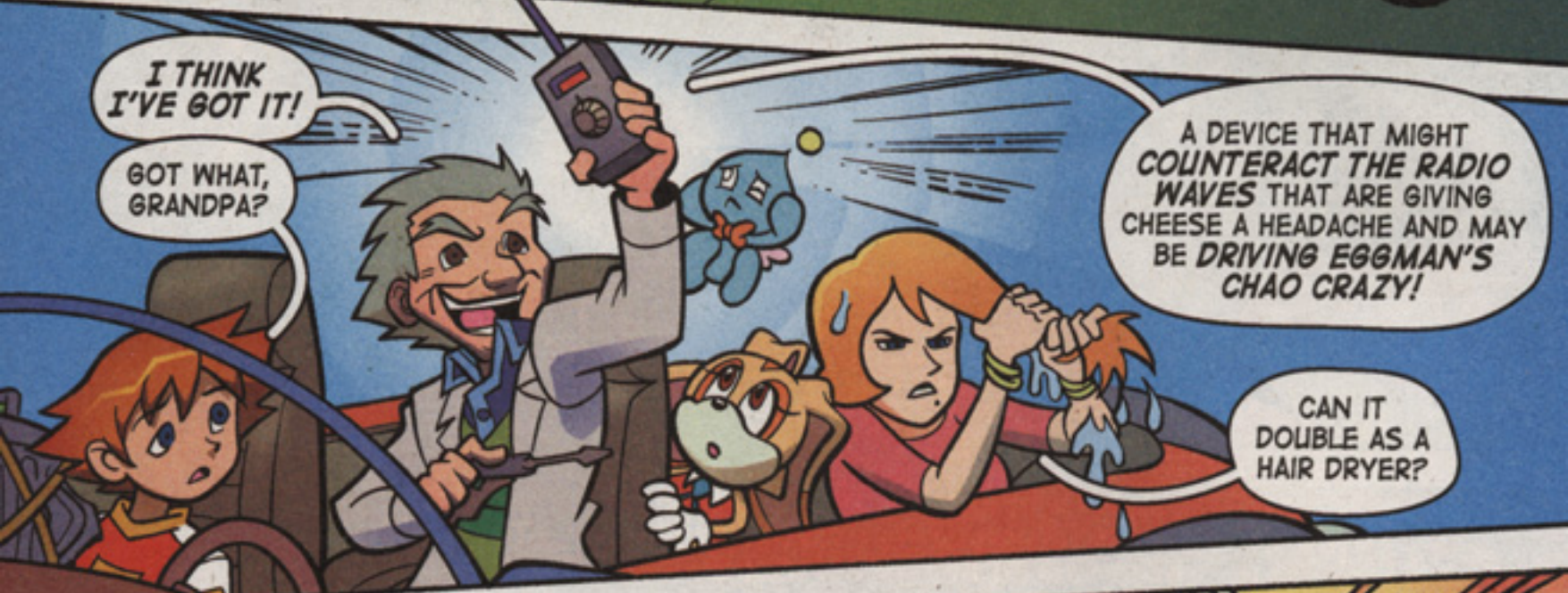
ARE YOU SURE
THIS IS A GOOD
IDEA? THE LAST TIME
THE CHAOS CREATURE
HAD THE EMERALDS, HE
NEARLY DESTROYED
STATION SQUARE.

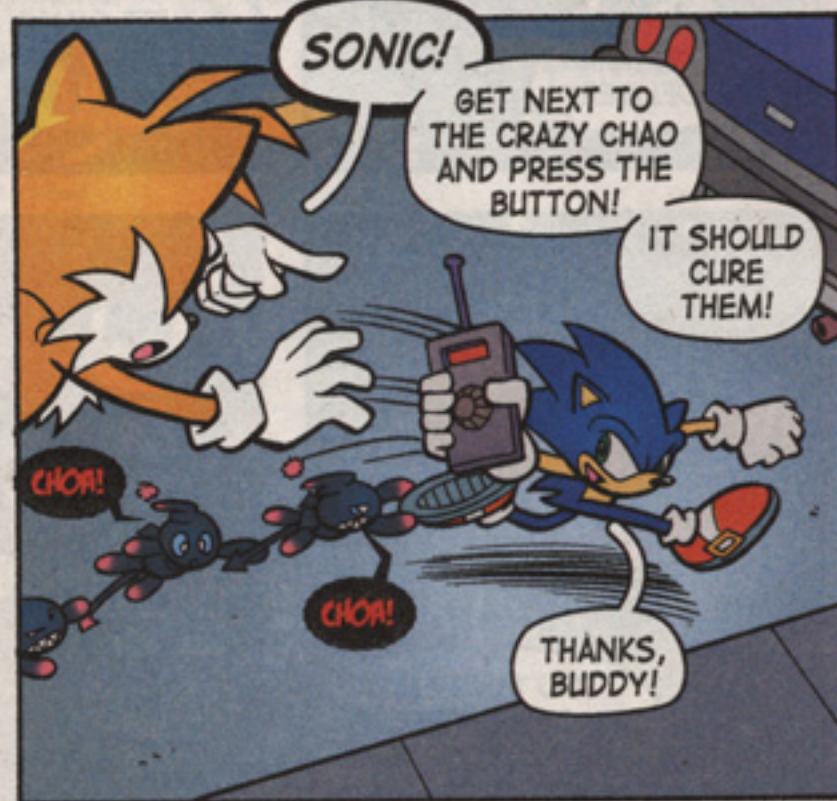
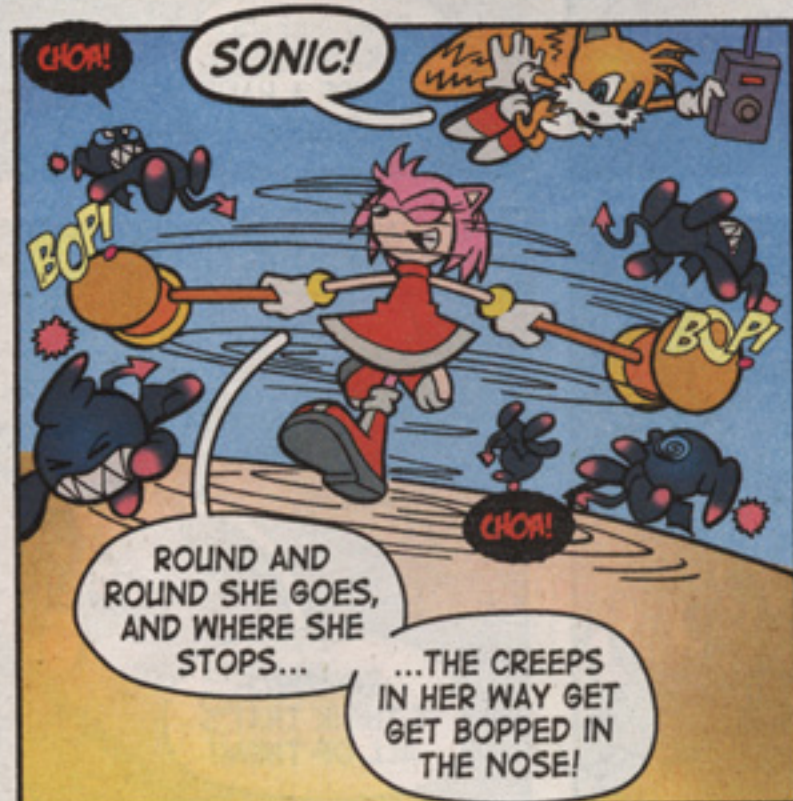
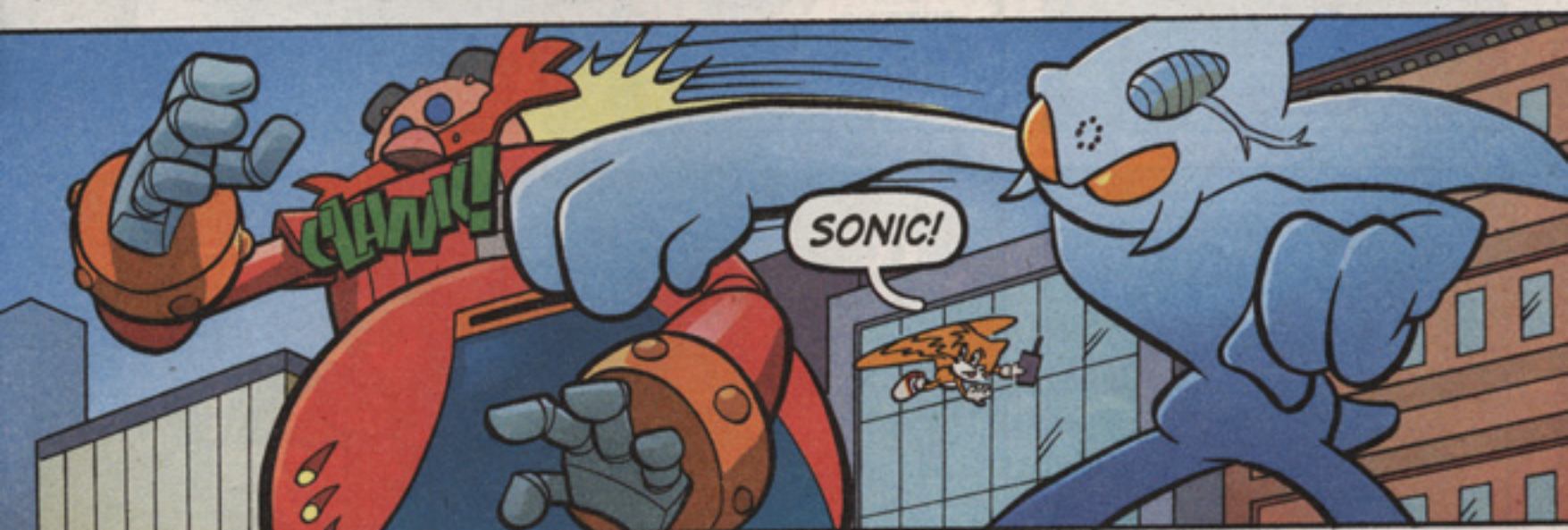
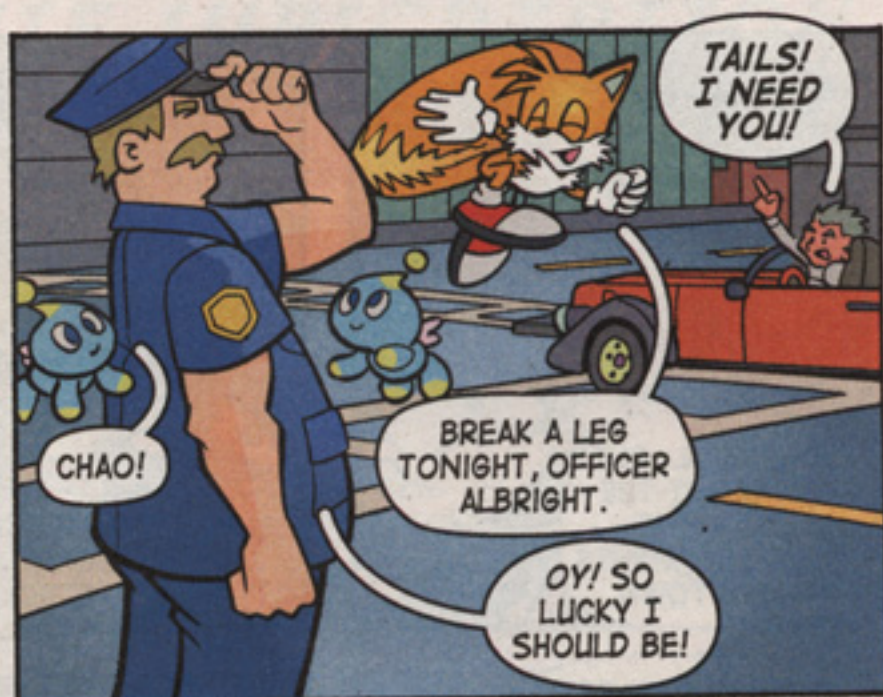
"THE CHAOS CREATURE WILL DRAW HIS
STRENGTH FROM OUR COURAGE
AND GOODNESS AND WILL USE IT TO
DEFEAT OUR ENEMIES."

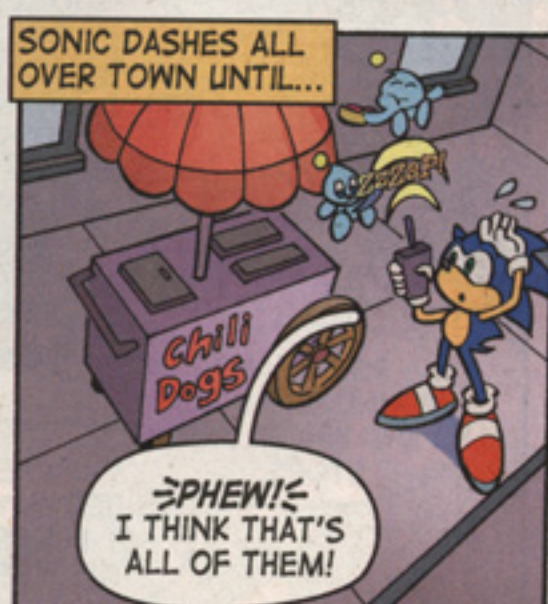
OH, BOTHER!
I DIDN'T SEE
THIS COMING!

JUST ONCE
I'D LIKE TO SEE
SOMETHING GO
EXACTLY
ACCORDING TO
PLAN!









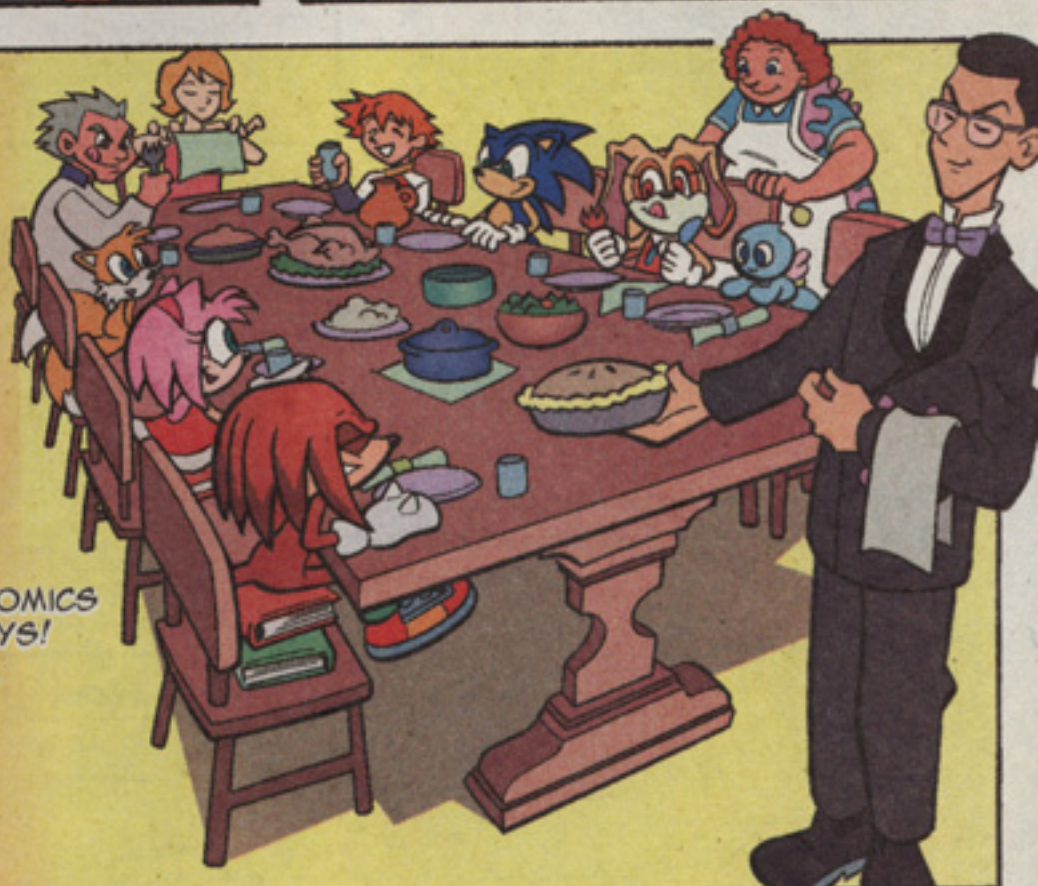


WITH EGGMAN'S LATEST SCHEME DEFEATED, OUR HEROES RETURN TO THORNDYKE MANSION FOR A **CELEBRATORY FEAST**.

AND WHILE NONE OF THEM WILL EVER FORGET THEIR FEELINGS OF LONELINESS, THEY KNOW THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS HAVE **FRIENDS WHO LOVE THEM**, AND THAT LOVE WILL ALWAYS HELP THEM GET THROUGH THEIR LONELY DAYS.

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